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CONCISE COMPENDIUM
OF
MILITARY MANOEUVRES,

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AND

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THE battalion being drawu up in 2 ranks, with the tallest men in the front, and the files 12 inches distant (which on all occasions is to be observed) the grenadiers on the right, the light infantry on the left of the battalion, and the hat-men told off into 4 equal divisions, bayonets fixed, officers and men upright, steady and silent, without which (on all occasions under arms) nothing can be done with perfection. The grenadiers and light infantry proceed to cover the flanks of the battalion.

*Grenadiers and light
infantry, cover the
flanks of the battalion.
Quick march.
Front, Dress, Halt.*

The grenadiers and light infantry being each divided into 2 platoons, the grenadiers face to the left; as does the 2d platoon of light infantry; the 1st facing to the right: the 1st platoon of grenadiers marches by files into the ground the 2d one occupied.---The 2d platoon marches in the front of the two ranks of the hat-men, to the ground occupied by the 1st platoon of light infantry on the left.---The 1st platoon of light infantry marches in the rear of the two ranks of the hat-men about ten paces to the right flanks of the 1st platoon of grenadiers.---And the 2d platoon of light infantry marches about ten paces beyond its present position.

The officers of the grenadiers and light infantry recover their arms, face, and march with their platoons; and when halted, order their arms.

N. B. The light infantry, whilst marching to the flanks, are to unfix their bayonets, that they may perform their manœuvres with the greater agility.

The



Grenadiers & Light Infantry, Cover the Flanks.

Light Infantry

Grenadiers

Retreat in 2 Lines.

L12

G.2

4

3

2

1

G.1

L11

L12

4

2

G.1

G.2

3

1

L11

Form Battalion

Battalion.

Retreat in two lines.

Quick march.

*To the right about
turn.*

Dress, Halt.

*Lines fire twice
from the flanks of
each by divisions.*

Preparative beats.

The 1st platoon of grenadiers, with the 2d and 4th divisions of hat-men, and 2d platoon of light infantry, go to the right about, and march in quick time about 100 paces to the rear, come about and halt.

halt or halt

The 1st platoon of light infantry makes ready and fires, recovers, goes to the right about and marches about 100 paces to the rear, through the opposite intervals of the 2d line.—Turns to the right about,—dresses,—halts,—and loads, all by word of command from the officer commanding it.

When the 1st platoon of the light infantry has gained its post beyond the 2d line and halts, the 2d platoon of grenadiers makes ready and does the same as the 1st platoon of light infantry did; then the 1st division of hat-men, and so on to the center of each line, until both lines have fired twice. Fire to cease.

General beats.

*Lines. Form bat-
talion, Quick
march, Dress, Halt.*

Both lines march in quick time, the front one gaining no ground, and the rear one moving up to dress with it.

The

*Battalion. From the
center of wings, by
files, form columns.
Quick march.*

The 4 centre files of each wing stand fast, the remaining files face inwards to the centre of their respective wings.—The grenadiers face inwards, and march rapidly by files to the head of the 4 center files of each column, turn to the front and halt.---

The light infantry likewise face inward.---The whole then marches in quick time, and the files of each wing wheel inwards, following the 4 centre files and grenadiers.---The light infantry march by files to the rear of each column, turn to the front and follow.

*Column, Dress.
Form Battalion.
Dress, Halt.*

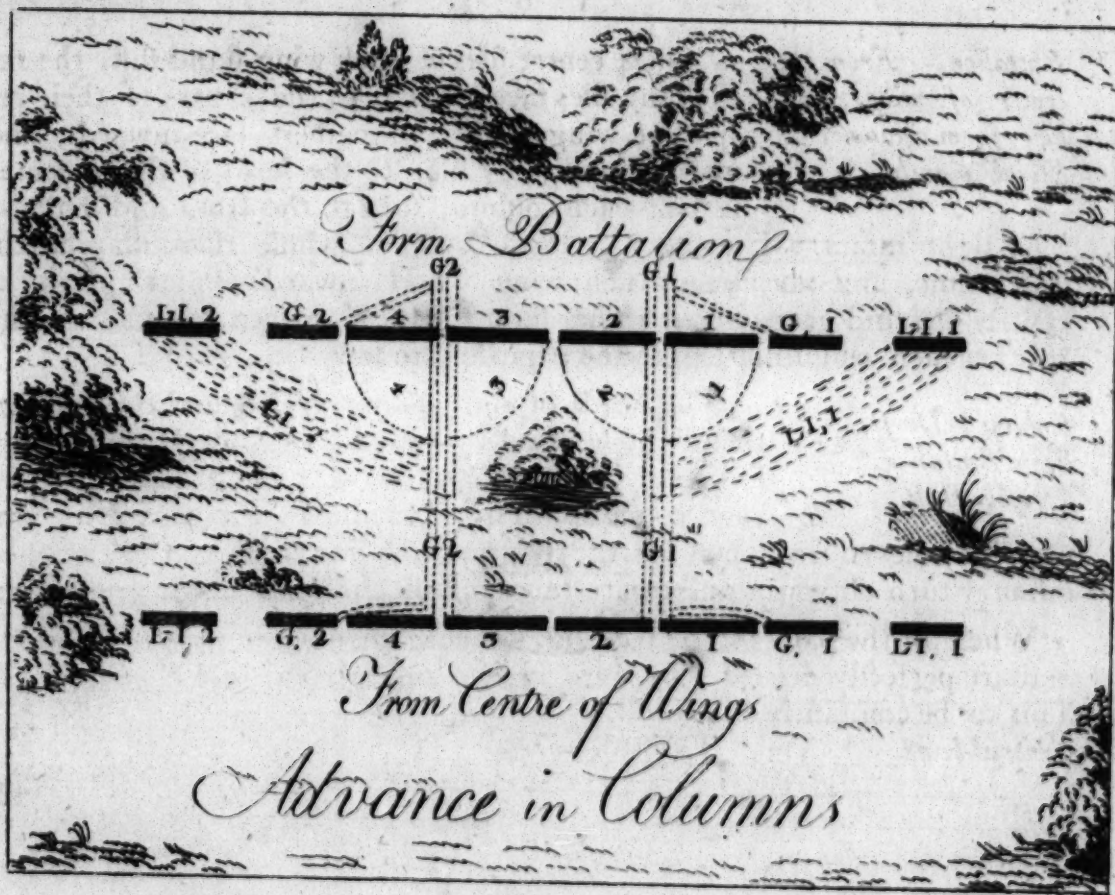
The heads of the column dress; and the files of them which wheeled inwards, turn to the right and left, and wheel up to dress with the 4 center files of each column.---The grenadiers turn outwards and march by files to their post on the flanks of the battalion.---And the light infantry turn outwards and run to their post on the flanks of the grenadiers.

When all the parts of the battalion have gained their proper position, and are perfectly dressed, the word Halt is to be given, and not before.---This to be constantly observed.

General beats.

Fire to cease.

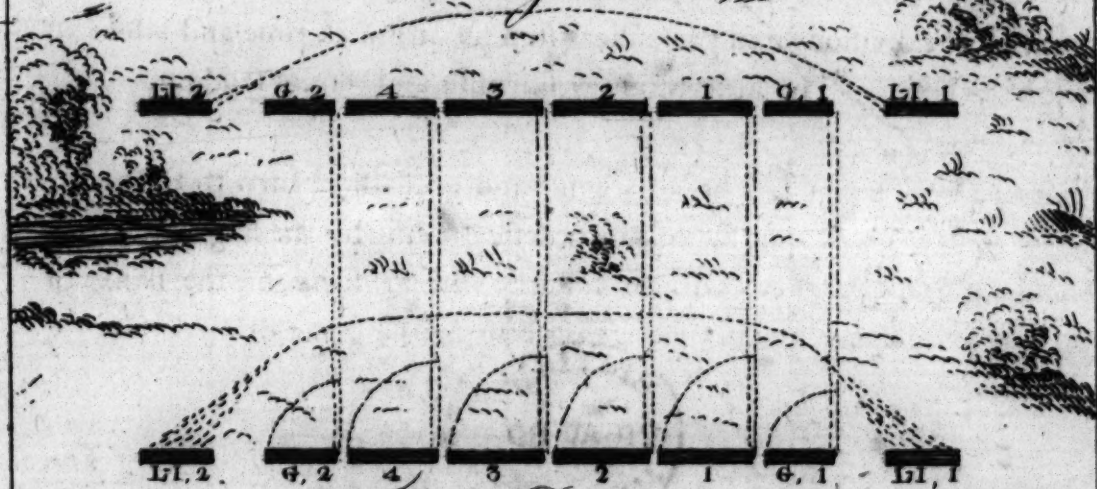
The







*From Right of Divisions,
Retreat by Files.*



Form Battalion.

From the right of divisions retreat by files. Quick march.

March, all the divisions and grenadiers step off in quick time and wheel to the right by files.---

The grenadiers and 4 divisions face to the right. ---The light infantry disperse in one rank, about 50 paces in front with arms trailed.---On the word skirmish and retreat loading.

Divisions, Dress, to the right turn, to the left wheel and form battalion, Dress, Halt. General beats.

The divisions and grenadiers turn to the right, and wheel to the left, dressing by the flag in the center.---Light infantry run to form on the flanks of the grenadiers on beating the general.

The

*Battalion, trail your
arms. From the
right of divisions form
Indian files.*

The battalion steps off in quick time, and the right hand files of the grenadiers and light infantry platoons, and 4 divisions advance in Indian files; having faced to the right, the other files of each platoon and division taking ground to the right on their march, without turning their bodies, until each file comes in the rear exactly of its leading file, which it follows in a straight line.

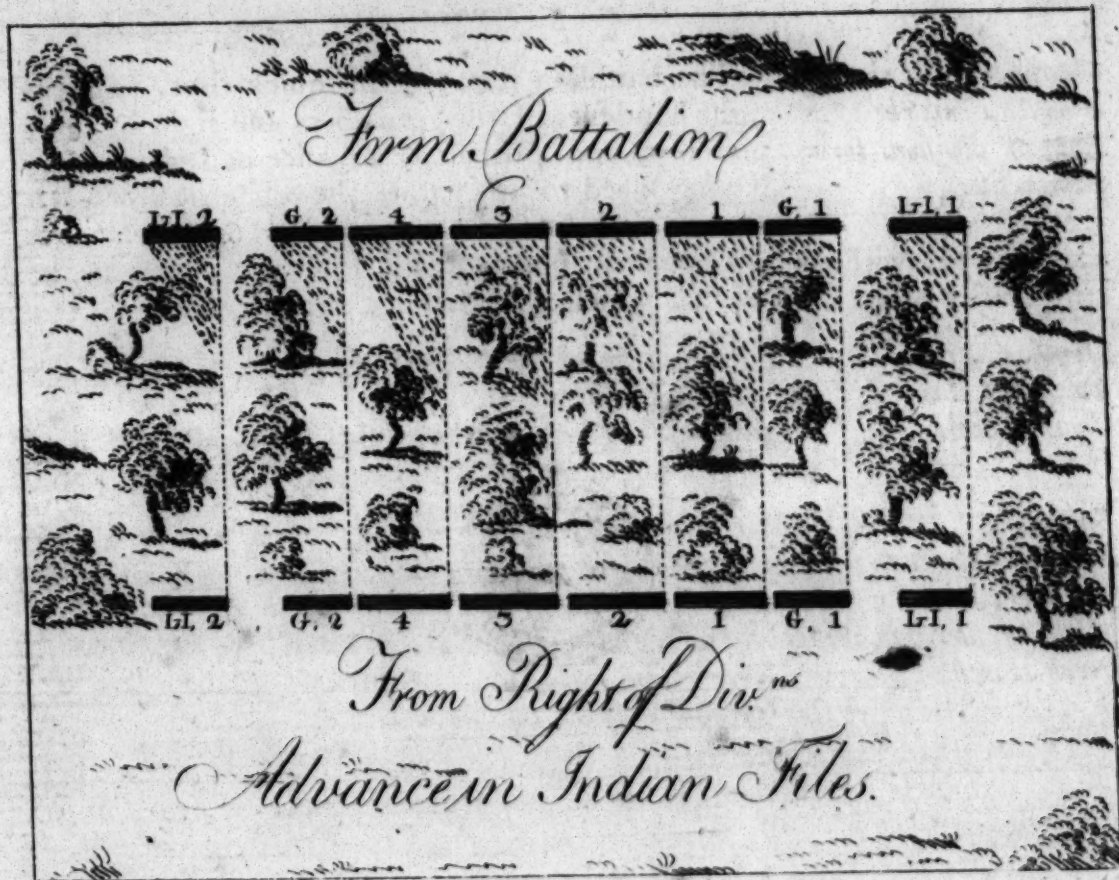
*Division, dress.
Form battalion.
General beats.*

The right hand files of the platoons of grenadiers and divisions stand fast.---The other files run up, forming on the left of the right hand files of their respective platoons and divisions. Fire ceases.

*Battalion.
From the flanks to
the center, in column
retreat by files.
Quick march.*

The two platoons of grenadiers face inwards and march rapidly by files to the center of line, turn to the front and halt.---The 2 divisions of the right wing face to the right.---The 2 divisions of the left wing to the left.---The light infantry disperse in the front of the battalion about 100 paces, in one rank.

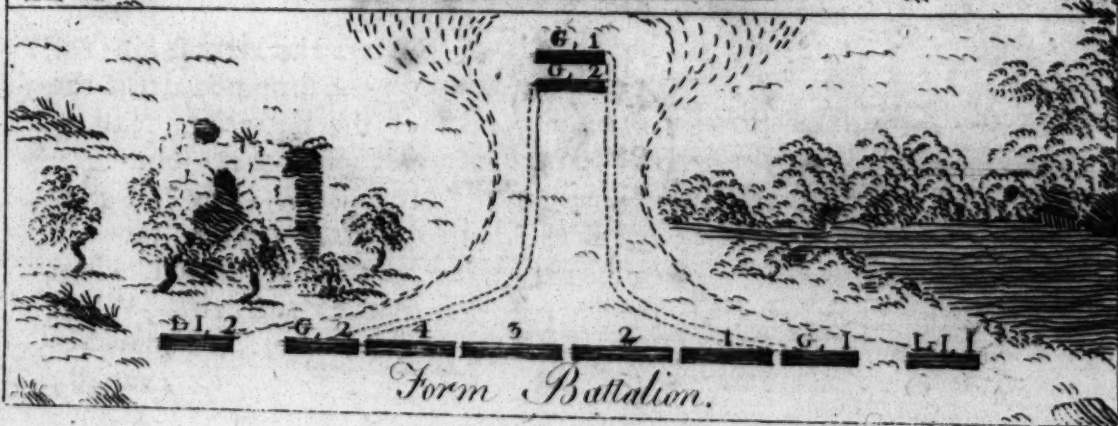
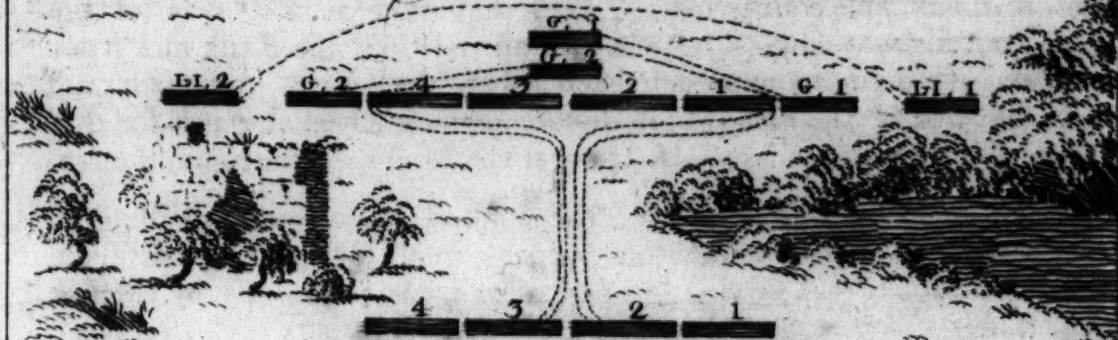
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From Flanks to Centre Retreat in Column.



Form Battalion.

On the word March---the light infantry begin to skirmish .---The 4 divisions in quick time countermarch, until they meet at $\frac{1}{2}$ rear of the center, each file wheeling on its own ground.---When the flank files from the 1st and 4th divisions approach each other, they turn outwards and march, followed by the files of each division, which wheel inwards for that purpose. The grenadiers stand fast to cover the retreat of the light infantry.

Column, dress. The wings of the column wheel outwards by files,
Form battalion. and march to a proper extent for forming battalion.
To the front turn. ---The wings turn to the front, and dress by the flag
Dress, Halt. in the center, before the battalion halts.

General beats. The light infantry cease firing, and retreat in the rear of the grenadiers, through the supposed defile the column passed, and form rapidly on the flanks of the battalion, leaving room for the grenadiers to form in their proper post when they join.

As soon as the light infantry are clear of the grenadiers,---the 1st platoon of grenadiers makes ready and fires, divides in the center, faces to the right and left, and marches to the rear of the 2d platoon, which, when loaded fires, and in like manner marches to the rear of the 1st.---When the 2d has loaded the 1st fires, recovers, faces to the right, and marches rapidly

rapidly through the supposed defile, by files, to its post on the right flank of the battalion, fronts, dresses with the battalion, halts, and loads.---The 2d platoon of grenadiers fires, recovers, faces to the left, marches through the supposed defile, and takes post on the left flank of the battalion, &c.

N. B. To make this complicated manœuvre perfectly intelligible, it is represented in the plan in two different stages.

Battalion.

Form three fronts.

Quick march.

Dress, Halt.

The light infantry, grenadiers, and 1st division of the right wing, wheel to the right.---The light infantry, grenadiers, and the 4th division of the left wing wheel to the left,---and the 2 center divisions march forward, until their flanks dress with the left and right flanks of the wings which wheeled.

Form battalion.

Quick march.

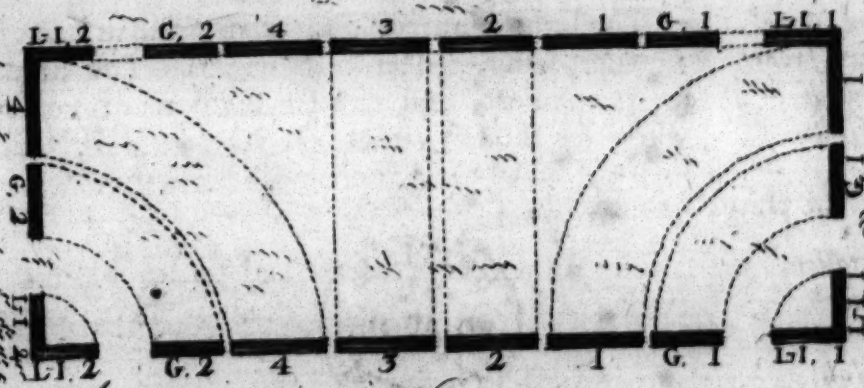
To the front turn.

Dress, Halt.

The right face turns to the left, the left face to the right, and the two center divisions, with the reserve, stand fast.---The faces which turned, march in quick time, wheeling inwards to the two center divisions, by files.---Turn to the front and dress by the flag in the center.

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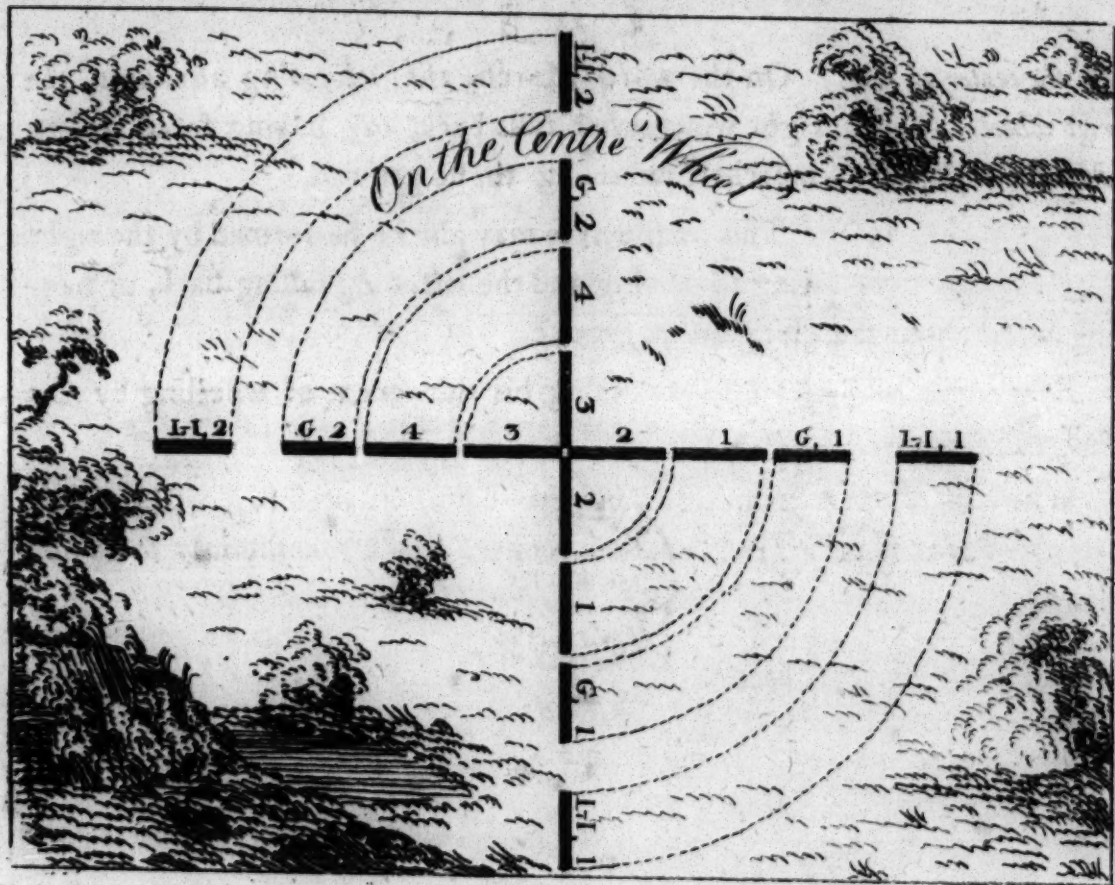
Form 3 Fronts.



Form Battalion.







*On the center to the
right wheel.
March, dress, halt.*

On the word March, the left wing advances, the right wing either falls back, or, having faced about, marches, wheeling to its ground.

This manœuvre may also be performed by the right wing advancing and the left wing falling back, or having faced about marching to its ground.

Every man of both wings governing his movement of wheeling by the flag in the center.

When the wheel is compleated and the battalion perfectly well dressed, the word Halt is to be given, but not sooner, which is constantly to be observed.

The

Battalion.

By divisions to the right wheel.

Quick march.

To right, light infantry form battalion. Fire irregular. Preparative beats.

General beats.

Grenadiers and light infantry, join your companies, Quick march, Front.

Dress, Halt.

By divisions to the right wheel, March, Dress, Halt, Quick march.

The light infantry, grenadiers, and divisions wheel to the right.---On beating the preparative, the 1st platoon of light infantry halts, carry their arms, and begin a skirmishing fire.---The other platoons and divisions run up obliquely as brisk as possible, and form battalion on the left of the light infantry.---As each platoon and division forms, it halts, carries arms, and fires irregularly until the general beats.---The officers taking care that their men are cool and not confused.

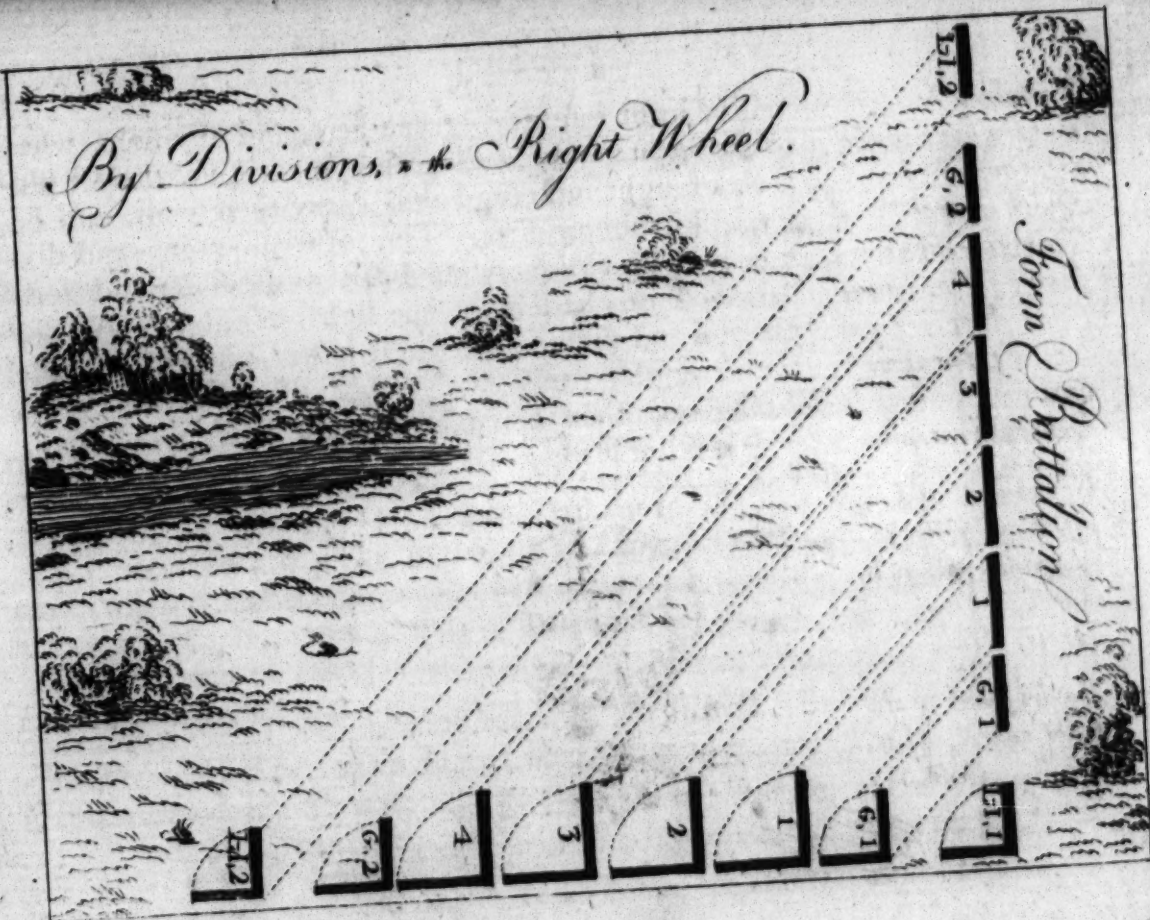
To cease firing.

The grenadiers and light infantry to join their companies, face and march in such a manner as to bring each platoon to the post it occupied before, covering the flanks of the battalion.

To pass the reviewing officer the divisions wheel to the right and march in quick time, until the 2d division of hatmen have made their 2d wheel to the left.

The

By Divisions, & the Right Wheel.





Slow march.

The divisions change into slow time ; the grenadiers open their ranks, and the officers take post in the front of the company ; a serjeant on each flank of the front rank.---When each division comes to the ground where the grenadiers opened their ranks, it does the same.

Officers salute the reviewing officer.

Divisions, close your ranks, Quick march.

As soon as the light infantry have passed the reviewing officer, the rear rank closes ; officers and serjeants fall into their intervals, and the whole changes to quick time.

The battalion again marches by the reviewing officer in quick time, and closed ranks ; the divisions carrying their arms as each passes him, and afterwards sloping them.---The officers taking no notice of him.

In marching by the reviewing officer both in slow and quick time, every man must look full in his face, and step with manly boldness and ease.

Divisions dress. To left form battalion.

The battalion having gained the first ground it drew upon, the divisions are to take their proper distance for wheeling with exactness, and form battalion.

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TO THE
VOLUNTEERS OF IRELAND.

Gentlemen,

AS every *attempt*, at this period, to promote public virtue, and fan the glorious spirit of *Volunteering*, is warmly patronized and estimated according to the *design*; encouraged hereby, *one* of *yourselves* has adjusted the foregoing manœuvres, elucidated by accurate engravings, and which he now has the pleasure of inscribing to you.



